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Houston Contractor Agrees to Pay \$100,000 In Back Wages to Framing, Drywall Workers

HOUSTON--Builder's Drywall Inc. of Houston will pay \$101,000 in back minimum wages to 235 current and former framing and drywall workers, the U.S. Department of Labor announced April 28.

A DOL Wage and Hour investigation found the company did not pay time and a half to the employees that worked more than 40 hours per week during a period from January 2002 to December 2003. Investigators also said Builder's Drywall failed to maintain accurate payroll and time records.

The company has agreed to pay the back overtime wages in full by June 15 and will comply with Fair Labor Standards Act regulations in the future, according to the department.


"The Department of Labor is committed to enforcing the law to ensure that employees receive the wages they have earned," Labor Secretary Elaine Chao said in a statement.

Fabricator to Pay Welders

In a separate agreement announced April 27, R&R Marine Fabrication & Drydock of Port Arthur, Texas, reached an agreement with the Wage and Hour Division to pay 28 former welders \$152,916 in back overtime wages.

Investigators found that the company, which fabricates barges and modules, did not properly pay their employees for overtime hours worked during a two-year period from November 2001 to November 2003.

R&R Marine agreed to pay the back wages by June and comply with federal regulations in the future.

Representatives of both companies could not be reached for comment. 

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